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PREFACE.

THE STADACONA CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONS,

No. 13, C. R.

Originally opened on the 16th day of February, 1855, as Independant Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 237, by virtue of a Charter received from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland.

On the 19th August, 1859, the first meeting, under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada, was held by dispensation; and on the 5th April, 1860, the name was changed to

STADACONA CHAPTER, No. 13, C. R.

The original Charter members were—

Companion	WILLIAM EADON,	(Resigned)	*1st P. Z.*
"	G. G. ARDOUIN,	(Dead)	*2nd P. H.*
"	DENIS GALE,	(Honorary)	*3rd P J.*
"	W. B. VALLEAU,	(Resigned)	*Scribe E*
"	CHAS. KNOWLES,	(Honorary)	" *N*
"	T. C. KNOWLES,	(Resigned)	*P. S.*
"	JOHN LINDSAY,	(Dead)	*S. Asst. S.*
"	A. McMAUGH,	(")	*J. Asst. S.*
	——— GILLIS,	(Resigned)	*Janitor.*

May the Chapter flourish—may its labours, thus begun in Order, be conducted in Harmony, and always closed in Peace, and may its present and future members ever bear in mind the real object of the Institution—

THE GLORY OF GOD!

AND

THE WELFARE OF THEIR FELLOW CREATURES!

LIST OF OFFICERS

OF

INDEPENDANT CHAPTER, U. D. C. R.

1859.

R. E. Comp.	DENIS GALE,	*Z.*
E. Comp.	A. McCALLUM,	*H.*
" "	ANGUS McKAY,	*J.*
Companion	T. C. KNOWLES,	*E.*
"	ALEX. BRESLER,	*N.*
"	THOMAS LAMBERT,	*P. Sojr.*
"	JOHN LINDSAY, }	*Asst. Sojrs.*
"	THOS. LEITHEAD, }	
"	CHAS. KNOWLES,	*Janitor.*

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1860.

R. E. Comp.	RICHARD POPE,	*Z.*
" " "	DENIS GALE,	*P. Z.*
" "	ANGUS McKAY,	*H.*
" "	ALEX. DUNCAN,	*J.*
Companion	JAMES HAY,	*E.*
"	THOS. LAMBERT,	*N.*
"	H. T. WILLIS,	*P. Sojr.*
"	CHAS. KNOWLES, }	*Asst. Sojrs.*
"	N. BURNSTEIN, }	
E. Comp.	ANGUS McKAY,	*Treasurer.*
Companion	WM. WILKINSON,	*Janitor.*

M. E. COMP. T. D. HARINGTON,

GRAND PRINCIPAL Z.

R. E. COMP. THOS. LAMBERT,

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, QUEBEC DISTRICT.

LIST OF OFFICERS

STADACONA CHAPTER, No. 13, C.R.

QUEBEC, A. I. 2397. A. D. 1867.

E.	Comp.	HENRY J. PRATTEN, - -	*1st P. Z.*
R. E.	"	THOMAS LAMBERT (D.G.S.)	*Past Z.*
E.	"	CHRISTOPHER STAVELEY,	*2nd P. H.*
"	"	HENRY SMEATON, - -	*3rd P. J.*
	"	WILLIAM COUPER, - -	*Scribe E.*
	"	JAMES CHALMERS, -	" *N.*
	"	WILLIAM PRESS, - -	*Treasurer.*
	"	CHARLES KNOWLES, JR., -	*P. S.*
	"	JOHN BREAKEY, - -	*S. Asst. S.*
	"	HENRY PETER REID, -	*J. Asst. S.*
	"	WILLIAM CLEARIHUE, -	*D. of Cer.*
	"	ALEX. THOM, - - -	*Stewards.*
	"	D. KERR, - - - -	*Stewards.*
	"	THOMAS HATCH, - -	*Standard B.*
	"	WILLIAM PEARD, - -	*Janitor.*

LIST OF PAST AND PRESENT PRINCIPALS.

Z.

R. E. Companion - - - DENIS GALE,
" " " - - - THOMAS LAMBERT,
V. " " - - - ALEX. DUNCAN,
R. " " - - - JOHN S. BOWEN,
" " - - - HENRY J. PRATTEN.

H.

" " - - - ARCH. McCALLUM,
V. " " - - - CHARLES JONCAS,
" " - - - WM. SWEATMAN,
" " - - - CHRIS. STAVELEY.

J.

" " - - - HEBER BUDDEN,
" " - - - HENRY SMEATON

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STADACONA CHAPTER

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ROYAL ARCH FREEMASONS,

NO. 13, GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

FORASMUCH as without order and decorum, harmony cannot be preserved, nor the business of Masonry properly conducted, the Companions of Stadacona Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 13, G. R. C., Quebec City, have adopted the following By-laws as the best calculated to attain that desired object.

I.

Regular Convocations of the Chapter.

The Stadacona Chapter shall hold a Regular convocation on the second Thursday in the months of January, April, July, and October; and an Annual convocation on the second Thursday in December.

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II.

Election of Officers.

The Chapter shall annually elect, by ballot, at the regular convocation in October, the First, Second and Third Principals, Scribes E. and N., Principal Sojourner, and Treasurer; and by an open vote of the Chapter, the Janitor. The Officers, after confirmation of the previous minutes, shall be installed, invested and instructed at the Annual convocation in December.

III.

Emergencies, and Meetings of Intermediate Lodges.

The First Principal may convene chapters of emergency, and also meetings of subordinate Lodges, whenever he may consider such course desirable. The reasons for convening them shall be expressed in the summonses, and repeated in the Minute Book, and no other business shall be entered upon at such conventions of the Chapter, or meetings of subordinate Lodges.

IV.

Form of Petitioning — Admission, &c.

All applications for admission to either of the Lodges (except those of Mark Master, Past Master, or Most Excellent Master), or for

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exaltation to the sublime degree of Holy Royal Arch, must be by petition in writing, expressing the names in full, occupation or profession, place of residence, the Lodge with which he is affiliated. and the names of the Brethren by whom the same shall be presented, and who, by so presenting, shall be deemed as vouching for the propriety of the application; and such petition shall be accompanied by the deposit of FIVE DOLLARS, with the Scribe E., to be returned in the event of an unsuccessful ballot. And at the next regular meeting, (or emergency meeting, if specially ordered,) such candidate shall be balloted for; and, if duly elected, and found otherwise qualified, by admission into, and perfection in the intermediate degrees, he shall be admitted or exalted to the degree for which he is an applicant. Provided, that if such applicant shall not attend for admission or exaltation within two regular meetings after such ballot shall have taken place, and he has been notified thereof, the deposit shall be forfeited to Scribe E., and the form of proposition must be repeated as though no such petition had been presented, unless the First Principal, for good cause shown, shall extend the time.

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V.

Balloting.

Whenever a Ballot shall take place, for the admission of a Member to any Degree under the jurisdiction of the Chapter, two B.B.'s SHALL EXCLUDE; and any candidate, who may be rejected, shall not be allowed to renew his application within twelve months from the time of his rejection. All candidates for admission to any of the intermediate Lodges, or Chapter, shall be balloted for in the Chapter, whether they have previously taken any of the intermediate degrees or not; and no Companion or Brother shall obtain any of the intermediate degrees, unless he shall have been previously admitted a member of the Chapter, either as a joining Companion or candidate for exaltation, and shall have paid the fees due thereon, unless a non-resident.

VI.

Fees.

The fee for exaltation, with the privilege of the intermediate degrees, shall be TWENTY DOLLARS, to include the registration and certificate fees.

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Companions joining the Chapter shall pay the sum of $5, and the further sum of $5, if they require any or all of the intermediate degrees (see Constitution, Art. 191); and any joining Companion requiring a Grand Chapter certificate, shall pay the additional sum of $2 therefor.

Brethren who shall have taken any of the intermediate degrees under any other Chapter, and who desire to join this Chapter for the purpose of taking the remaining intermediate degrees, can do so on payment of the joining fee, and on payment of the further sum of $5 for each remaining degree or degrees; and the further sum of $1 for exaltation to the Holy Royal Arch, to include the fee for registration and certificate.

All fees must be paid on or before any degree shall be conferred, except in the Royal Arch or other Chapter Degrees.

VII.

Monthly Dues.

Every Companion shall pay as quarterly dues the sum of fifty cents, and be in arrears, shall be disqualified from the right of voting at the election of officers.

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Any Companion applying for an emergency of the Chapter, or intermediate Lodges, shall pay the sum of FOUR DOLLARS.

VIII.

Qualifications for Office.

No member *shall be qualified to hold office, who shall be over two quarters in arrears for dues to the Chapter, nor vote on any question in the Chapter; and* if in arrears for 12 months, shall, after notice, be excluded, and his exclusion reported to the proper Masonic authorities.

N.B.—All that portion printed in *Italics* has been declared unconstitutional by the M. E. Grand 1st Principal. See Constitution, Art. 26.

H. J. PRATTEN,
1st Principal

IX.

Permanent Committee.

The 1st Principal, after installation on the Regular Convocation in December, shall appoint a Permanent Committee of Economy and Finance, to superintend the finances, audit the books and vouchers of the Treasurer and the Scribe E. It shall consist of five (5) Companions, three of whom shall form a quorum; they shall meet whenever summoned by the

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1st Principal or their Chairman; and the result of their proceedings shall be reported to the Chapter at its next regular convocation.

They shall present a report at Annual convocation in December of each year, shewing the progress made in the Chapter and Lodges during the year, the state of its finances, the names of all brethren or Companions twelve months in arrears, the number of times each officer has been absent from the meetings of the Chapter, together with any suggestions for the future government thereof as they may think desirable to place before the Chapter.

X.

Demitting Members.

Any Companion desiring to withdraw from the Chapter, must state his wish in writing, having previously paid all dues; and he shall not be again admitted without a fresh proposal and ballot.

XI.

Duties of Scribes E. and N.

It shall be the duty of Scribe E. to issue all summonses seven days previously to each convocation; notify the proposer of all accepted candidates; prepare all returns for the Supreme

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Grand Chapter of Canada; record all proceedings of the Chapter, and enter in the Minute Book a memorandum of all receipts and accounts approved by the Chapter for payment. In the absence of Scribe E., these duties shall devolve upon Scribe N. Either officer shall be exempt from payment of dues while performing the duties of Scribe E.

XII.

Duties of Treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all dues, and deposit the same in a Quebec Savings' Bank, to the credit of the Stadacona Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be drawn on the joint order of the 1st Principal and Treasurer; the Treasurer having power to retain in his hands a sum not exceeding forty dollars, and pay all bills regularly approved by the Chapter, and have his Book and Vouchers ready at all times for inspection, more particularly at the Annual Convocation in December, when all moneys in hand must be paid over to his successor. His accounts shall be audited in each year by the Permanent Committee, who shall report thereon at the Annual Convocation in December.

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XIII.

Janitor's Duties.

The Janitor shall attend all convocations, and receive from Scribe E. and distribute all notices relating to the meetings and other business of the Chapter, and intermediate Lodges. He shall take care of, and keep in good order, the furniture, jewels, and other property of the Chapter; for which services he shall receive the sum of one dollar for each meeting, and fifty cents for every exaltation.

XIV

Clothing.

Every Companion must be properly clothed as a R. A. M., according to the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Canada.

XV.

By-Laws.

Every Companion being a member of the Chapter, must sign these By-Laws, in token of submission thereto, and shall be entitled to a printed copy thereof.

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XVI.

Qualification of Candidates.

Every candidate for exaltation, except by a dispensation from the first G. P. Z., must produce satisfactory proof of his having been a Master Mason for at least three calendar months, and shall be proposed and ballored for in the manner provided for.

XVII.

Secrecy enjoined.

Any member of intermediate Lodges, or Chapter, disclosing any of the proceedings, or any of the decisions or business of any kind, done at any meeting of the Lodges or Chapter, shall subject himself and be liable to a severe censure from the Chair; a second offence shall render him liable to exclusion.

XVIII.

Lodge Property.

The robes, jewels, and furniture, and other property belonging to this Chapter, shall be and are hereby vested in the Council for the time being, in trust, for the use and benefit of the Chapter, to be disposed of only by the majority of the Companions present. It shall

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be the duty of the 1st Principal to have the same Insured, in the name of the Stadacona Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 13, City of Quebec; and also the duty of the S. E. to keep an inventory of the same, and have it recorded in the Minute Book.

XIX.

No additions, alterations, or amendments shall be made to these By-laws, except at a Regular Convocation of this Chapter; of which alteration three months' notice shall be previously given in writing, and be subject to two-thirds majority of votes of the members present.

XX.

Rules of Order.

1. A Companion, speaking on any subject, shall rise, and respectfully address the Council, or R. W. Master.

2. No Companion shall speak twice to the same subject, unless in explanation, or as the mover of a resolution; in reply.

3. No question shall be entertained unless it be put in writing, and seconded.

4. All questions, unless otherwise determined by Masonic Law, shall be determined by a majority of votes.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Reading and confirming Minutes.
2.—Reading Correspondence.
3.—Passing Accounts.
4.—Receiving Petitions.
5.—Reports of Committees.
6.—Balloting for Candidates.
7.—General Business.
8.—Conferring Degrees.

H. J. PRATTEN, Z.

Approved,
Ottawa, 6th May, 1867.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Z.